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Tatistcheff Receives Two Months' Term

Count Vladimir Tatistcheff, 40-year-old Russian emigre, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the First Special District Court yesterday morning, after being found guilty on a charge of defrauding another Russian of \$8,000 in a cigarette deal.

The accused Russian, who has several previous convictions both in the Settlement and Concession, received a deposit of \$8,000 from Mr. I. S. Raskin after promising to deliver 1,000 tins of Camel cigarettes.

Testimony in court revealed that Tatistcheff approached the Russian broker and asked him to find a buyer for 2,000 tins of Camel cigarettes, which the former said he could obtain at \$55 per tin. It was agreed that they would sell the cigarettes at \$85 per tin, with the profits being split evenly.

Raskin then contacted a Portuguese broker named Carlos A. da Conceicao, who agreed to purchase 1,000 tins of the cigarettes, at the price set by Tatistcheff. After agreeing on the deal at the Palace Hotel, the accused demanded a deposit of \$8,000 with the promise that the cigarettes would be delivered to 24 Central Arcade later on the same day.

The Portuguese broker was given a written guarantee by Mr. Raskin, promising to refund the advance on demand, and after Tatistcheff failed to deliver the cargo, the complainant informed the police. Tatistcheff was apprehended on Avenue Joffre 24 hours later, with the assistance of the French Police, and admitted the fraud.

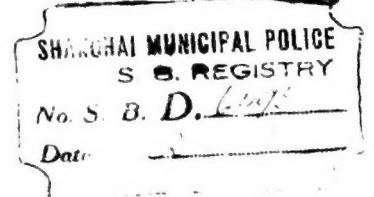
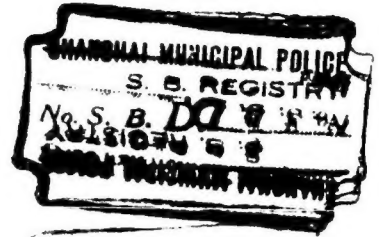


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Count Wladimir Tatitscheff and Mrs. Zoya P. Eshoff were married on November 12 at St. Nicholas's Church in Rue Cornelle.—Joseph.

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PRESS that complaint will be filed against
them to the American Consular Court for pub-
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Г-на П.Е. Зеленкова

(Издатель Дальне — Восточного медицин-
ского журнала)

Просит зайти в теченіи трех дней в
контору „Сомасриб Пресс“ для произ-
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В противном случаѣ дѣло будет
передано в Суд.

Translation

Mr. P.E. ZELENKOFF

(publisher of the Far Eastern Magazine)
is requested to call at the offices of the
SOMASRIB PRESS within three days in order
to settle accounts, failing which the mat-
ter will be taken before the court.

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THE CHINA PRESS, FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1936

"Count" Tatisheff Sentenced

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Convicted Of Pawning Typewriter

Vladimir Tatisheff, who claims the title of Count Tatisheff, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by the First Special District Court yesterday morning after he had been convicted of pawning a typewriter which he had borrowed from Mr. E. Marques at the Candy Shop in the Central Arcade. The deed was said to have been committed on June 2.

Tatisheff, although charged with a minor offense, managed to gain an important spot in the news when he appeared in the Italian Consular Court two days ago and

testified that V. Pinto had confessed to him of burgling his own bank last September. Tatisheff and Pinto were cell-mates at the Central Police Station.

When sentence was pronounced yesterday morning, the Count asked for leniency on the grounds that this was his first offense. He requested a suspended sentence but this, the court denied.

Tatisheff arrived in Shanghai about one year ago, coming from Spain. He speaks 12 languages and during most of his stay here, operated as a broker.

Russian Held In Typewriter Fraud Episode

Admits Pawning Machine Loaned To Carry On Literary Work

Blaming hard times and financial difficulty for his misadventure, Vladimir Tatishcheff, 34-year-old Russian, brought up before the First Special District Court yesterday on charge of obtaining a \$220 Underwood typewriter by fraud, asked the judge to be lenient because it was his first offense.

Tatishcheff, according to the prosecution, borrowed the machine from a Portuguese, Mr. E. J. Marques, on the pretense what he wanted to type "some very important memoranda." The typewriter was later discovered by police at the Sung Kong Pawnshop, Woosung Road, where the accused had received \$52.50 for the machine.

The acquaintance between the accused and Mr. Marques started in December last year. About three weeks ago, Tatishcheff allegedly told Mr. Marques that he was planning to publish a weekly magazine. The two then went to 149 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, where the accused showed his friend the suite of offices which he claimed to have rented for his journalistic enterprise.

Knowing that Mr. Marques was then unemployed, Tatishcheff offered him a job at \$150 a month. On Tuesday, the pair met at the Junior Golf Club, Hongkew Park, and Tatishcheff told his Portuguese friend that he needed a typewriter to type an important memorandum. He asked Mr. Marques to have the typewriter delivered to the Candy Shop, Central Arcade. The understanding between the two was that the machine would be returned at 10 o'clock the same evening.

At the appointed time, the machine failed to arrive. The next morning, Mr. Marques went to the Candy Shop and found a chit addressed to him saying that the typewriter would be returned 10 p.m. Wednesday.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. Marques again went to the Central Arcade address but the machine was not there. Suspecting that he was being defrauded, he went to the Central Police Station to report the case. On the way, he met the accused, and the two went to the station to clear up matters.

Tatishcheff, questioned by the police, admitted that he pawned the machine. He also admitted that he obtained another typewriter, which he pawned, from 660 Szechuen Road.

Questioned by the judge yesterday, Tatishcheff told the Court that the two cases of fraud were the only times he ever broke the law. He asked the court to consider a suspended sentence if he is found guilty.

Tatishcheff's case was adjourned for a week pending further investigation of the other typewriter which the accused admitted taking.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE & S. REGISTRY. No. <u>D 6495</u> American Consulate General, <u>Shanghai</u> , <u>China</u> , April 10, 1935.
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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

No. D

American Consulate General,
Shanghai, China, April 10, 1935.

Dear Mr. Givens:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 9, 1935 (No. D 6495), enclosing a copy of a report on Count Vladimir Tatishcheff. Your courtesy in supplying this report is much appreciated and if I can be of any service to you please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Reed II.

T. P. Givens, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
Shanghai.

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Date

April 9 35.

Charles S. Reed II, Esq.,
American Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Reed,

With reference to your letter dated
March 21, 1935, regarding Count Vladimir Tatishcheff,
I forward herewith a copy of a report made by a
member of the Special Branch.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch)

*Copies of reports and photograph
also sent to A. D. F. K.
JHGs*

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REPORT

S. 2, Special Branch.

Date April 8, 1935.

Subject. Communication from American Consular Service Re: V.V. Tatischeff.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky.

Forwarded by *A. B. Tcheremshansky* D.S.

Count Vladimir Vladimirovitch Tatischeff arrived in Shanghai from Naples on February 19, 1935, as a 3rd class passenger on board the s.s. "Haruna Maru." From the alien Declaration Form filled in by him, it appears that he was born in 1902 at St. Petersburg, Russia, and that he is a "person without nationality" under the protection of the Italian Government (sic). He produced Russian passport No. 177 issued on 28.1.1919 and renewed by the Italian Consul-General in Barcelona. The passport bears a Chinese visa issued by the Chinese Consulate in Venice on 6.9.34.

During the course of a conversation with members of the Shanghai Municipal Police on board the s.s. "Haruna Maru," Tatischeff mentioned that he was a journalist by profession and that he represented the "New York Herald." He also stated that he intended to stay in Shanghai for some time and eventually hoped to proceed to America, of which country he was anxious to become a citizen. Enquiries made regarding Tatischeff on board the ship show that in a casual conversation with one of his fellow-passengers he had mentioned that he would make an attempt to interest the Chinese in the purchase of arms of Italian make.

Upon his arrival here, Tatischeff put up at No. 477 Rue Auguste Boppe, a Russian boarding house, where for the first few days he shared a room with one Leo Berg, Swede, 46, who had arrived in Shanghai together with him. A Russian female named M.V. Danish, 33, who arrived from Marseilles in the same vessel, also stayed at the above address. While the s.s. "Haruna Maru" was in port, the trio visited the ship on several occasions ostensibly for the purpose of seeing their friends.

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On February 20, 1935, the local Russian newspapers published interviews with Count Tatischeff. It would appear from these interviews that his father who was formerly Chairman of the Union Bank in Moscow, following the outbreak of the revolution in Russia left that country for Abyssinia, where he subsequently died. At the age of 15 Tatischeff joined the "White" Army. He saw active service during the civil war in Russia, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Being seriously wounded he was evacuated to Constantinople on board an English ship. Later he resided at Malta and then in England, where he studied law at the University of Oxford and obtained his degree of Doctor of Law. For the past 8 years he has been employed with the "Hearst Publishing Corporation," and in connection with his work has been travelling extensively. Prior to his coming to the Far East he was in Italy on his long leave, but before the expiration of his leave received instructions to proceed to the Far East on an urgent mission. He intends to publish two books in America entitled "Around the World" and "Reminiscences" respectively. Further he stated that he knew 14 languages including old Greek and Latin, that his mother resided in Nice, France, and that his brother was in Abyssinia, where he managed their plantations.

It is reported that his brother Alexander Vladimirovitch Tatischeff and his brother-in-law named Hvostoff, who reside in Addis Abeba, Abyssinia, were on friendly terms with a representative of the Soviet Trade Mission who visited that country in 1934, and that they established in Addis Abeba a firm to deal in Soviet goods. In connection with this they were ostracized by the majority of the Russian community in Addis Abeba.

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Tatischeff receives his correspondence c/o the American Express Co., No. 110 Kiangse Road. During the latter part of February, a foreigner called at the offices of that company to make enquiries regarding Tatischeff who, he stated, intended to buy from his firm goods to the total value of several thousand dollars and gave as reference the American Express Co. The visitor was informed that Tatischeff had no banking account with the American Express Co., nor otherwise known there, except for the fact that he was receiving his correspondence c/o the company. Towards the end of February, Tatischeff visited the Alexander Clark Co., Ltd., No. 1 Nanking Road, and selected two articles to the total value of \$2,000. He then stated that he would call again to make his final choice and mentioned as reference the American Express Co. Since that time he did not visit this firm.

Soon after his arrival in Shanghai Tatischeff made the acquaintance of a Russian named P.E. Zelenkoff, and his daughter, Miss Zelenkoff, an employee of the "Salon Bella", No. 1117 Avenue Joffre. After a week's time he asked Miss Zelenkoff to marry him. She agreed to do so, despite the opposition on the part of her father, who asked Tatischeff to leave his daughter alone. In connection with his alleged engagement with Miss Zelenkoff, Tatischeff made arrangements for a party of 30 persons at the Leinemann's German Cafe, No. 870 Bubbling Well Road. When asked for a deposit, Tatischeff left and has not since visited the Cafe in question.

A few days ago he visited the Robert Dollar Co., No. 51 Canton Road and stating that he intended to proceed to America asked to reserve for him a "cabine de luxe" in the s.s. "President

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Lincoln" which is scheduled to leave Shanghai on April 13, but did not pay any deposit.

So far no complaints have been made to the Police against Tatischeff. Persons who have been in contact with him while in Shanghai describe him as a pathological liar. However, it would seem to appear from the above that his movements are worth watching.

Tatischeff resided at No. 477 Rue Auguste Boppe until February 14 when he removed to an unknown address.

Leo Berg referred to above claims to be a Swedish citizen, who was born in 1889 at Upsala. He travels on Swedish passport No. 459 issued on 3.5.34 at Stockholm which bears a Chinese visa issued in Berlin on 15.1.35. He gave his home address as No. 24 Luterstrasse, Berlin, and stated that he would stay in China for one month. When asked by the boarding house-keeper to produce his passport for registration Berg replied that it was in the Swedish Consulate. On the same day he absconded without paying his bill. He appears to be a Russian of Caucasian origin and a person of a very limited education.

Mrs. Maria Vladimirovna Danish, 33, another companion of Tatischeff, is a Russian emigrant, and is in possession of passport No. 226132 issued by the local Public Safety Bureau on October 4, 1934. She is reported to be Berg's paramour, and seems to be in possession of considerable funds. As reference she mentioned one Mrs. Kornetzky, 484 Rue Cardinal Mercier.

Photograph of Count V.V. Tatischeff is attached herewith.

G. Icheremshansky
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D. C. (Special Branch).

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MUNICIPAL POLICE
A. S. REGISTRY.
AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

March 21, 1935. 6499

Dear Mr. Givens:

We have had an enquiry about a Count Vladimir Tatischeff who is supposed to be holding himself out as an employee of Hearst publications. J. B. Powell suggested that you might have something on record about this man and his pretensions. If you have and can pass them on to me, I shall be very appreciative.

Very sincerely,

Charles S. Reed II
Charles S. Reed II

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inquiries and report
please.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 2, Special Branch, **D. C.**

REPORT

Date **February 19, 1935.**

Subject (in full) Arrival in Shanghai of Count Tatisheff self described
representative of the New York Herald.

Made by **D.S.I. Golder.**

Forwarded by **J.B. Ross**

Count Tatisheff, a member of the former Russian nobility and previously domiciled in Italy, arrived in Shanghai from Naples on the s.s. Naruna Maru on February 19, 1935.

Enquiries regarding him indicate that he will attempt to interest the Chinese in the purchase of Italian arms; so much he admitted to one of his fellow passengers. When landing, however, he described himself as a journalist and a representative of the New York Herald. It is believed that he intends putting up with Mrs. A.S. Zaitzeff who operates a boarding house at No. 477 Rue Auguste Boppa, French Concession.

In conversation with a member of the S.M.P. he stated that he intended staying here some time and hoped eventually to proceed to America, of which country he is anxious to become a citizen.

D.S. Tcheramshansky assisted in this enquiry.

D.S. Tcheramshansky

Em Golder

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D. C. (Special Branch).

S2. Is anything known of the work on which he was engaged in Europe.
J.H.G.